

ABSTRACT

WA-I-196

1845

Diller Farm

Leitersburg Vicinity

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Architecturally this brick house which shows evidence of having had a recessed double porch along part of its front elevation, is important as a dated example of a major type of vernacular dwelling in the Cumberland Valley that was popular during the mid 19th century. The historic Mason-Dixon Line surveyed in 1765 passes through the farm and is marked by one of the original milestones located near the complex of buildings.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <b>Diller Farm</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Leitersburg-State Line Road at the State Line</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Leitersburg Vicinity</b>				
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
Comments _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Jacob Diller</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 8</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		<b>21740</b>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Washington County Court House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		<b>21740</b>
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <b>360/567</b>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This farm is located along the Leitersburg-State Line Road at the Mason-Dixon Line in Washington County, Maryland and Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The house is situated on level ground just south of the State Line and faces southwest.</p> <p>The dwelling is a two story, five bay brick structure set on low limestone foundations. A modern addition has been attached to the rear elevation. The bricks are laid in common bond at all elevations with, generally, five courses of stretchers between header rows. Set in the gable of the north-west elevation is a square datestone inscribed with the year 1845 and the surname Harbaugh. Flat arches of brick are present over full size windows at the first story of the front and rear elevations and those in the gable walls. Vertical seams in the masonry flanking the two western bays of the front elevation suggest that a recessed double porch at that location has been enclosed.</p> <p>Windows are distributed rather evenly in the walls. Narrow frames with rounded surfaces hold two over two or six over six pane double hung sashes. Some more modern single pane sashes are also present.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It is sheltered by a three bay, one story porch with round doric type columns supporting a hipped roof. Evidence in the masonry suggests that this porch replaced an earlier structure which extended nearly the whole length of the front elevation.</p> <p>The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls. A course of molding finish the eaves. Small brick flues are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>Just west of the house is a large bank barn. Nearby are other outbuildings related to agricultural use. Near the barn at the edge of the road is the 99th Mason-Dixon Milestone, WA-I-453. The farm contains 160 acres of which 45 are in Maryland. The buildings appear to be in excellent condition.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)****1845 Harbaugh****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | lasaphy                                 | <u>Original Mason-Dixon</u>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | <u>Line Marker on Property.</u>                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____   |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This farm complex is significant for its architecture and for its association with the famous Mason-Dixon Line dividing Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Architecturally the house is important as a dated example of a major type of vernacular dwelling in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley which was popular during the mid 19th century. Evidence in the masonry clearly shows that this house, built in 1845, had a recessed double porch along part of its front elevation. Houses constructed in this manner, usually from five to seven bays in length and frequently built of brick are an important architectural group in the area.

The name Harbaugh is inscribed on the datestone. The farm remained in the Harbaugh family until 1888 when it was sold under terms of the will of John H. Harbaugh to John H. Miller, Sr. (149/751).

The historic Mason-Dixon Line, surveyed in 1765, passes through this farm and is marked by the 99th milestone which is located near the barn. See form WA-I-453.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 45 acres in Maryland

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1976

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN:

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

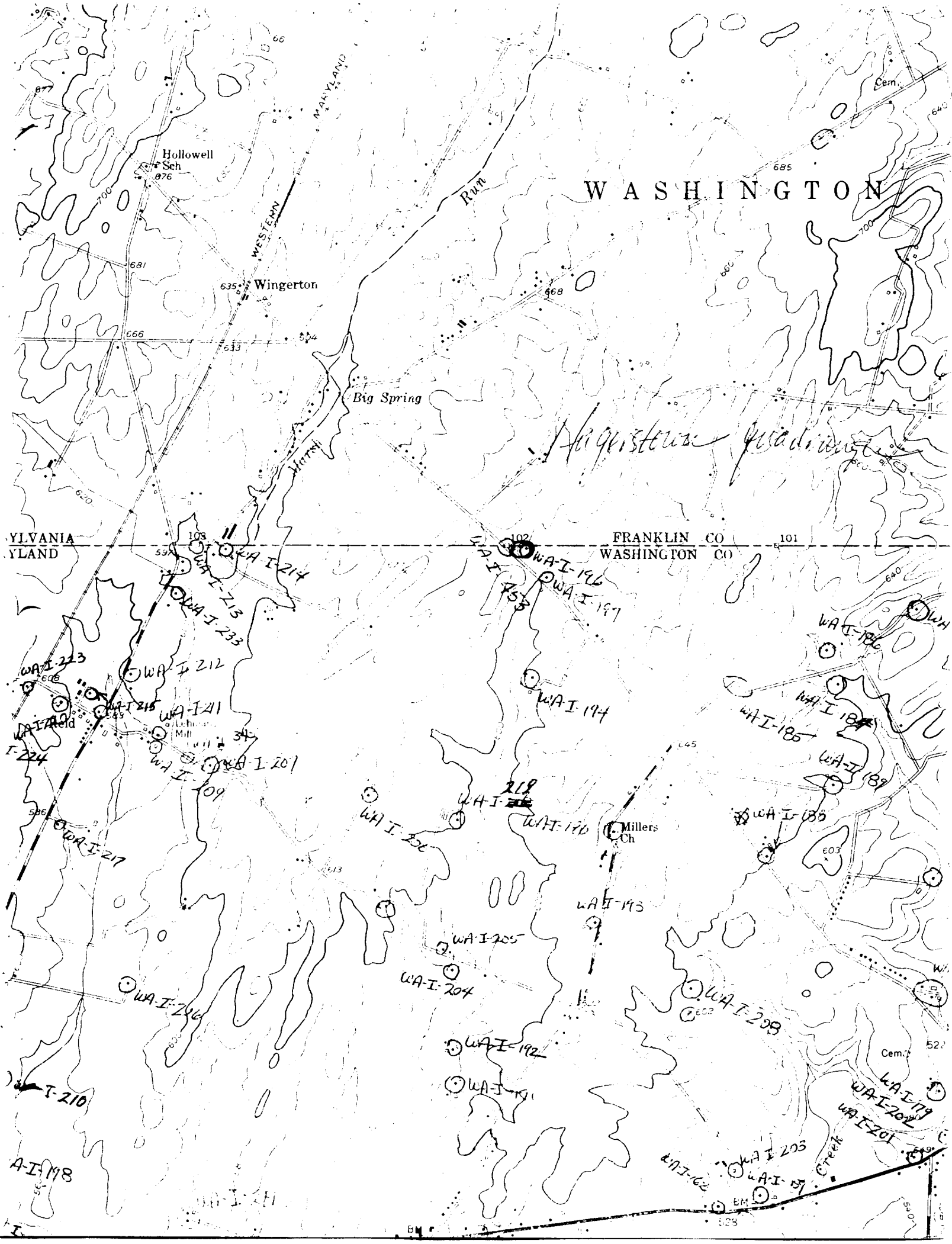
## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature





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